



**SPIRIT OF HOPE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

7060 Ponderosa Drive  
Parker, CO 80138

## **MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

Questions, comments or to unsubscribe contact one of our pastors at 303-841-3553 or [office@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:office@spiritofhopelcmc.org). Also visit us on the web at [www.spiritofhopelcmc.org](http://www.spiritofhopelcmc.org).

### **SATURDAY PASTOR ON-CALL**

For the good health and well-being of our pastors and their families, our pastors try to spend a few hours on Saturdays with their families. However, they are still available in the case of a pastoral emergency. This Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Wendy is on call at 303-841-3553.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

Tuesday – Friday from 9 am – 1 pm.

### **LENTEN SERVICE TONIGHT AT 7:00 PM**

Tonight we will continue our Lenten series called “The Hands of Lent”. Pastor Dave will be preaching on Psalm 139:1-6. We will focus on “Nervous Hands” - how sin brings fear into our lives and keeps us from God. We will also see how the Lord overcomes our fears through what Jesus has done for us. **To make a reservation for sanctuary seating, please click here:**

<https://sohlentmarch10.eventbrite.com>

**To worship via our live-stream, please click here:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZM0OAqIfM50&list=UUC3L5-lzeFJpzoO\\_rdojtsQ&index=15](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZM0OAqIfM50&list=UUC3L5-lzeFJpzoO_rdojtsQ&index=15)

**THIS COMING WEEKEND WE RETURN TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.  
TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED  
ON SATURDAY NIGHT!**

## **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

This coming Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Pastor Wendy returns to continue our reading through the letter to the Hebrews. Sunday's message will come from Hebrews 10:1-18 in which The Preacher of the letter explains why Jesus is the sufficient sacrifice to bring atonement for our sins. This Sunday will be a traditional worship service and Holy Communion will be celebrated. **This Sunday, everyone will be invited to bring their communion elements with them up to the altar to receive the body and blood of our Lord.** Intergenerational Sunday School will immediately follow worship. **IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO MAKE A RESERVATION.**

You can do that by cutting and pasting this link into your browser:

<https://sohworshipmarch14.eventbrite.com>

The YouTube live-stream link and worship bulletin for those who wish to join us online will be sent later this week.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE AND COOPERATION WITH HEALTH GUIDELINES AND PRACTICES!**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK**

Immediately after worship on Sunday we will have Intergenerational Sunday School. This Sunday we begin to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. The lesson will be on the Triumphant Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The texts will be from John 12:12-19 and Psalm 24:3-10. The theme is "Praise!"

## **\$\$ FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY \$\$**

Spirit of Hope will be hosting a 10-week in-person Financial Peace University course. This course provides the tools to help learn how to budget; how to avoid debt, manage debt, and get out of debt; how to plan for your future and how to live as one who has been blessed to be a blessing. This class, which is a hybrid of online streaming and in-person discussions, would be great to give as a gift to those who are beginning life together or to anyone who wants to prepare for or improve their financial future. The course includes a year of access to helpful financial tools. Those attending are encouraged to invite others to this community outreach event.

Bryan Sapen will be our guide for this class that will meet on **Sunday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm from March 21<sup>st</sup> – May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The class will not meet on Easter Sunday. The cost for each person/couple/family is \$129. **TO REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR WENDY.**

### **\$\$ LENTEN OFFERINGS \$\$**

This year, 100% of the offerings given during our Wednesday evening Lenten services will be given to our mission partner, SECORCares. During this pandemic, SECORCares has been serving a population that has grown exponentially. Thank you for supporting those in need in our local community through your Lenten offerings!

### **LENT AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

This year our Lenten theme is called “The Hands of Lent”. In this era of separation due to COVID, in which we are not even allowed to shake hands, give hugs, or even touch each other, it is appropriate for us to focus on both our hands and the hands of God. We are unable to do our traditional hymn sing due to COVID, but we will have a full service that will include 3-4 Lenten hymns (and a few other favorites!) each week. Wednesday evening and Holy Week services begin at 7 pm. Here is our Lenten schedule:

- 2/17/21** Ash Wednesday: “Dirty Hands”  
(Includes the distribution of ashes and Holy Communion)
- 2/24/21** “Seeking Hands”
- 3/3/21** “Hurting Hands”
- 3/10/21** “Nervous Hands” – **TONIGHT!!!**
- 3/17/21** “Angry Hands”
- 3/24/21** “Estranged Hands”
- 4/1/21** Maundy Thursday: “Serving Hands” (Communion)
- 4/2/21** Good Friday: “Into Thy Hands” (Tenebrae Service)
- 4/4/21** Easter Sunday: “Living Hands!”

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HOPEFUL SPIRITS IS TUESDAY, MARCH 16 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm VIA ZOOM! HERE IS THE LINK:**

## Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88574260949?pwd=c296NExnSDh0dFdCK2pJZ0tFUE5lQT09>

Meeting ID: 885 7426 0949

Passcode: 300245

## HAVING A MARY HEART IN A MARTHA WORLD

In March, Hopeful Spirits will begin a new Bible study on "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World", by Joanna Weaver. We will be using a Study Guide along with the book. If you would like to order the book and study guide, please click here:

**Book:** [Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy With God in the Busyness of Life: Weaver, Joanna: 9781578562589: Amazon.com: Books](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9781578562589)

**Study Guide:** [Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World Study Guide: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life \(A 10-session Series for Personal or Group Study\): Weaver, Joanna: 9780307731609: Amazon.com: Books](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9780307731609)

## KING SOOPERS CHARITABLE GIVING PROGRAM

Did you know that you can help Spirit of Hope when you shop at King Soopers? All you have to do is link your Kroger card to Spirit of Hope! You can do that by clicking here: [Kroger - Kroger Community Rewards](#) and search for Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church, Parker, CO. If you prefer, you can ask for help at the customer service desk. Once your card is linked, a percentage of your purchase will go toward the ministry of Spirit of Hope. There is no cost to you whatsoever! During the last quarter, Spirit of Hope received \$176 from the community rewards program. Thank you to all of you who have been participating!

## AMAZON SMILE CHARITABLE GIVING PROGRAM

If you shop on Amazon, you can also help support Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church without any cost to you simply by shopping through the Amazon Smile program. Click on this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/> and then search for Spirit of Hope Parker, CO. Amazon will give Spirit of Hope a small percentage of your purchase, at no cost to you, which will help support our mission and ministry!

## **DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE**

**Douglas County is currently in Level Yellow on the Colorado COVID Dial. For Spirit of Hope, this means that outdoor Sunday fellowship (weather permitting) and communion (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays) has returned to our schedule. Masks are still required at all times while in the building except for worship leaders actively leading worship, while taking communion during worship, or at the discretion of a class/meeting instructor. Keeping of a six-foot distance between household units is still in effect. Our pastors and church board continue to monitor the situation and may make further adjustments as deemed necessary.**

**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy Poch or Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-841-3553 or [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org). or [pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org).

Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

### **Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:**

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement

For our nation and Parker community as we deal with the COVID-19 coronavirus situation that the virus will be suppressed, that treatment and vaccines will be effective, that those infected will be healed and that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted,

For our economy and the economies of the world to recover

For our Christian brothers and sisters all over the world who suffer persecution to be comforted and strengthened and for the Lord God to defeat the evil of terrorism done to them

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, SECORCares, Mean Street Ministry, Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Apache Youth Ministries, Institute of Lutheran Theology, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, Compassion International, SONetwork, LCMC Disaster Relief Fund

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (Members and Friends)**

### **March Birthdays**

3/2 Cindy Garrett

3/8 Margie Flora

3/9 Susan Spancers

3/17 Ramie Larson  
3/17 Ben Reinicke  
3/18 Sherry Helmeke Clark  
3/20 Lavonne Zwegardt  
3/24 DeDe Elliott  
3/25 James West  
3/25 Rachel West  
3/30 Cathy Morano

**March Anniversaries**

3/6 David & Sheri Giles  
3/7 Douglas & Carolyn Kleven  
3/31 John & Kandy Parsons

**QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**March Income (to date) = \$21,491**

**General Fund Offerings = \$7,320**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$700**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$13,443\***

**Other Income = \$28**

**March Expenses (to date) = \$6,261**

**Checking = \$62,156**

**Money Market = \$23,221 (Reserves = \$10,438 Dedicated = \$12,783)**

**Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$15,146**

**Building Money Market = \$14,662**

**\*Includes dedicated gift of \$11,821 for pastors' compensation per 2021 budget line item.**